CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MAY 18, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Director of Community Development Ng (for Closed Session Item 2 only), and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for:

1) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code. Agro-Jal Farming Enterprises, et al. v. Engel & Gray, et al. Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 18CV01288.

2) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** pursuant to Subdivision (e)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9. One potential case.

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Code Enforcement Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that instruction was provided to Counsel for both Closed Session items.

1 PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

A. **SWEARING-IN AND BADGE PINNING FOR NEW FIRE CHIEF.** City Manager Stilwell introduced incoming Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Mayor Patino administered the ceremonial Oath of Office, and his wife, Julianne, performed the badge pinning.

B. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 16-22, 2021, as "Public Works Week." The Proclamation was accepted by Sara Peet, Acting Public Works Operations Manager, with the Public Works Department.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comment was received anonymously about various sections of the Penal Code with regard to civil rights.

Claire Tuggle spoke about the local swim team and practicing at the Paul Nelson Pool and expressed her appreciation of the City making the pool available for preparation.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Escobedo asked for clarification on how Landscape Maintenance District assessments are determined (Item 3H). City Manager Stilwell responded that dollar amounts are established by voter approval and escalated by law, as allowed, to help with Landscape Maintenance beyond what is covered by annual taxes.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-47, 2021-48, 2021-49, 2021-50, 2021-51, and Ordinance No. 2021-03. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 4, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-03 amending Chapter 12-56 of Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Z2020-0001.

Action: Conducted second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-03 amending the Santa Maria Municipal Code regarding ADUs.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2021-03. 5-0.

D. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Adopt a Resolution approving a grant application for funding from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Program.

Action: Grant application approved for funding from the CA State Dept. of Parks & Recreation Off-highway Motor Vehicle Program.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-47. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution approving the receipt of grant funds from the California Coastal Conservancy for the "Teen Treks to the Coast" program.

Action: Grant funds for "Teen Treks to the Coast" approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-48. 5-0.

H. Adopt Resolutions annexing and authorizing the assessment of Landscape Maintenance Fees to: 1) Enos Ranch West located in the South Miller Street/South College Street Landscape Maintenance District; and 2) Centennial Gardens Apartments located in the Southwest Landscape Maintenance District.

Action: Assessments for Enos Ranch West and Centennial Gardens Apartments approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2021-49 and 2021-50, respectively. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution authorizing a rate increase for the sale of supplemental water to customers served by Golden State Water Company.

Action: Rate increase for the sale of supplemental water to customers served by Golden State Water Company approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-51. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. **CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY ENERGY (3CE) ANNUAL REPORT**. The City Council received a presentation of program updates and an overview of enrollment results by Lina Williams, Manager of Energy Account Services with Central Coast Community Energy.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **2021 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM.** The City Council conducted a public hearing to hear protests against the abatement of public nuisances such as dangerous weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt; and authorized the City Attorney and Code Enforcement to perform the abatement of the nuisances from public and unimproved private lots.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

Action: Resolution adopted overruling objections to the abatement of weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 8 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-52. 5-0.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

At the request of the Mayor, the next two business items were considered together as one item.

A. **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.** The City Council received and filed the Financial Report for the third quarter ending March 31, 2021. Director of Finance Harvey presented Item 6A and 6B as one item, as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Report received and filed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. **BUDGET AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.** The City Council considered amendments to the 2020-2021 Budget for personnel and operational changes in the third quarter ending March 31, 2021.

Action: Resolution adopted approving amendments to the 2020-21 Budget for personnel and operational changes for the third quarter ending March 31, 2021.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-53. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be June 1, 2021. Items on the agenda would include an Award of Bid for a zero-emission bus fleet rollout plan for SMAT; the historic designation of the Smith-Enos House; and a presentation on Downtown Fridays by Ed Carcarey.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Citizen of the Year Awards put on by the Elks Club and the Day of Prayer Event.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Citizen of the Year Awards and the Elected Leaders Forum on Homelessness.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the Citizen of the Year Awards and the Day of Prayer Event.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Citizen of the Year Awards; the Elected Leaders Forum on Homelessness; the Humane Society Drive-thru Event; and the Family Bike Day event.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety Monthly Meeting; the County Board of Supervisors meeting; the North County Subregional Meeting; the 3CE Joint Meeting with the Policy and Operations Boards; a County Legislative Meeting; and a Rotary meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on June 1, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

6/9/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria